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Applicants: **Manolagas et al.**Serial No.: **09/413,785**Group Art Unit: **1632**Filed: **October 07, 1999**Examiner: **Baker**Title: **METHODS OF SCREENING FOR APOPTOSIS-CONTROLLING AGENTS FOR BONE ANABOLIC THERAPIES AND USES THEREOF**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicants would like the Examiner to note that this response has been filed within two months of the mailing date of the final action, thus, in accordance with MPEP § 706.07(f), Applicants look forward to receiving an Advisory Action from the Examiner. Applicants do not believe that any fee is due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

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